

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of children immunised against all the preventive diseases in the country;
- (b) the date on which Polio drops to children was started under mass exercise of the Pulse Polio Programme and the result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any programme to start mass level vaccination for Hepatitis-A, B & C (Jaundic
- (e) to children in the country free of cost; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) An evaluation is conducted by independent agencies through UNICEF of coverage reported by the States of children up to one year of age. According to the evaluation report for the year 2000-2001, 53.6% of children in the age group were fully covered by all required doses of all vaccines provided under the Universal Immunization Programme.
- (b) The Pulse Polio Immunization Programme was started in December 1995. The number of reported polio cases has declined from about 3200 during 1995 to 268 during 2001.
- (c) & (d) The Government have decided to introduce Hepatitis-B Vaccine under the Universal Immunization Programme on pilot basis. This programme will be implemented in slum areas of 15 metropolitan cities during 2002-03 and 32 districts during 2003-04.